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SUBJECT: WUHAN BOSS TSENG TSU-YU IN TROUBLE

REF: HONG KONG 11800

1. TSENG TSU-YU, WUHAN MILITARY REGION COMMANDER AND HUPEH PROVINCIAL CHIEF, LOOKS TO BE UNDER A VERY DARK CLOUD. OUT OF PUBLIC SIGHT SINCE OCTOBER 16 AND A LIKELY TARGET OF THE RECENT POSTER CAMPAIGN IN WUHAN (REFTEL), TSENG HAS NOW FAILED TO APPEAR FOR THE HUPEH PEASANT'S CONGRESS, DESPITE THE FACT THAT POLITBURO MEMBER CHEN YUNG-KUEI VISITED WUHAN AND HONORED THE CONGRESS WITH AN ADDRESS ON DECEMBER 17 (DECEMBER 19 BROADCAST). DRIVING THE NAIL HOME ON FORMER LIN-ASSOCIATE TSENG, CHEN TOLD THE GATHERING THAT LEADERSHIP CADRES MUST PLACE THEMSELVES IN THE CAMPAIGN TO CRITICIZE LIN PIAO AND RECTIFY THE STYLE OF WORK. "IF THEY DO NOT," CHEN IS QUOTED AS SAYING, " THEIR ATTITUDE WILL NOT BECOME CLEAR."

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2. THE STATUS OF TSENG'S NUMBER TWO, WANG LIU-SHENG, IS ALSO

IN QUESTION. LAST SEEN DECEMBER 8, WANG WAS ALSO NOT ON HAND TO  
HEAR CHEN'S REMAKRS.

3. TSENG IS THE FIRST MILITARY REGION COMMANDER, AND PROVINCIAL  
LEADER, TO HAVE FALLEN INTO SUCH STARKLY APPARENT DIRE STRAITS  
SINCE THE NATIONAL PARTY CONGRESS IN AUGUST (HE WAS REELECTED  
TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE). WE TENTATIVELY COUNT HIM AS A VICITM  
OF THE CURRENT POLITICAL STRUGGLE.  
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